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SUBJECT: GOH INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF ARMORED VEHICLES
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1. SHORTLY AFTER DEPARTMENT REVERSED ITS ADVISORY OPINION AND CONSENTED TO NAPCO EXPORTING FOUR CADILLAC GAGE COMMANDO ARMORED CARS, CADILLAC GAGE CO. SUBMITTED FORMAL APPLICATION FOR EXPORT LICENSE FOR SIX RPT SIX ARMORED CARS COSTING $932,000. APPLICATION HAS BEEN HELD UP PENDING GOH DECISION ON PRIORITIES FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT FOLLOWING PALACE FIRE.

2. IN AUGUST 22 MEETING WITH STATE AND DOD OFFICIALS, HAITIAN ATTACHE, COL. DORCE RAISED QUESTION OF LICENSE FOR THESE ARMORED CARS AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF THE SALE. NOTING THAT GOH IS ALSO IN CONTACT WITH NON-U.S. SUPPLIERS, DORCE SAID THEY WOULD PREFER TO DEAL WITH U.S. FIRM. DEPT OFFS REPLIED THAT EXPORT APPLICATION IS STILL UNDER STUDY, POINTING OUT THAT ADVISORY OPINION HAD MENTIONED ONLY FOUR
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COMMANDOS AND PRESENT APPLICATION HAD RAISED ANTE BY TWO.

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3. REQUEST EMBASSY VIEWS ON PENDING APPLICATION, AND WHERE ARMORED CAR PURCHASES FITS IN CONTEXT OF HAITIAN MILITARY PRIORITIES. RUSH

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